

REMARKS***1. Status of Claims***

Claims 1-17 are in the application. Claims 1-6 remain in the application unchanged. Claims 7-10 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11-17 are new. No new matter has been added.

2. New Claims

Claims 11-17 have been added. Claims 11 and 12 add new limitations - namely, the spring receptacles in the independent probe blocks that support coil springs to allow the independent probe blocks to self-center within the frame. Support for these new claims may be found in the specification at least at page 4, line 27 through page 5, line 25, and in FIGS. 2-3 at reference signs 54a-54 h and 42a-42h.

Claim 13 mirrors Claim 4 but depends from Claim 3. Claims 14 and 15 mirror Claims 5 and 6, respectively, but depend from Claim 13 and 14, respectively. Claims 16 and 17 mirror Claims 5 and 6, respectively, but depend from Claim 3 and 16, respectively. Since no independent claims are added and each new claim mirrors previously presented claims or adds limitations, new claims 11-17 are directed to the first invention, and are therefore grouped with claims 1-6 in Group I, classified in class 324, subclass 755.

3. Response to Restriction Requirement

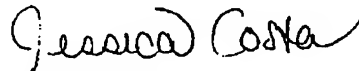
In the Office Action mailed 9/22/2004, a restriction requirement was made to one of the following inventions: Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a probe block assembly for probing a device under test, classified in class 324, subclass 755; Group II, Claims 7-8, drawn to a method of probing a device under test, classified in class 324, subclass 758; and Group III, Claims 9-10, drawn to a method of assembling a probe block, classified in class 324, subclass 158.1. **Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I (claims 1-6 and 11-17) for further prosecution.** Claims 7-10 are hereby withdrawn from consideration.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, or should the Examiner believe that it would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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